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AFGHANISTAN: ISLAM AND POLITICAL MODERNITY

Paris L'AFGHANISTAN-ISLAM MODERNITE POLITIQUE in French May 1985, pp 7-316

[Book by Olivier Roy: "Afghanistan: Islam and Political Modernity," Editions by Seuil]

[Text] Foreward

This book is about the Afghan resistance. Another work will deal with Soviet policy. Most of our sources on the resistance (except for the bibliography at the end of the volume) come from five trips made from 1980 to 1984. We made extensive use of information brought back by Jean-Jose Puig and others from similar trips. We also owe a great deal to two information centers in Europe: Ceredaf in Paris, founded by the Afrane Association, and the Bibliotheca Afghanica in Liestal (Switzerland).

Transcription is based on Persian as spoken in Afghanistan (j = dj; u = ou; ch = tch; kh = Spanish j; zh = j), even for words of Arabic origin. The hesitation between short vowels (i or é, a or é) stems from the fact that the latter correspond to the spoken language and the former to classical pronunciation). We use the words as they have come into French when well-known ("Massoud"), whence a certain arbitrariness.

An appendix contains a bibliography of works consulted for completion of this work. Books are classified by author and date of publication. Notes from the text referring to a work are deliberately succint. One will refer to the end of the volume for complete references.

Introduction

Why would anyone be interested in the history of the Afghan resistance? Does it already belong to the past of which one can write the history in the form of an obituary? This defeatist resignation presumes, in many observers, a certain philosophy of history: the idea that the spread of the Soviet system is inevitable and that one will see, after the passage of the ideological steam roller over an old land of Islam, something fundamentally new, throwing the past into the trash cans of history. A posthumous victory of Marxism among the very persons who take exception to it while accepting its inevitability. And yet, if one agrees on the impossibility of a military victory

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GULF COOPERATION COUNCIL: THE FIRST 4 YEARS

Riyadh AL-RIYAD in Arabic 25 May 85 pp 13-17

/Supplement to AL-RIYAD on the fourth anniversary of the establishment of the GCC, prepared by the Gulf Affairs Bureau of AL-RIYAD: "Four Years ... of Gulf Cooperation"/

> /Text/ "The reality is that we are approaching, God willing, a lasting and very serious task of service to our nations and our peoples. This situation, considering the number of periodic meetings of heads of state and ministers scheduled, and, of course, the nature and diversity of its programs, differs a great deal from the programs and goals of other organizations.
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> "The GCC is thus an international organization unlike other well-known organizations. It is an organization with its own specific and public goals and special status.
>
> "At the same time, it should be known that this step ... is not the creation of a bloc or an axis directed against anyone. It is a step dedicated to the good of these nations and their peoples, to achieve their greatest possible progress and stability ... within the framework and charter of the Arab League.
>
> "Thus it is natural and necessary as well that the GCC have an organizational framework encompassing its six member states in order to realize its task in a serious, scientific manner in continual pursuit of our excellent, shared goals."
>
> From a speech by His Majesty King Fahd ibn 'Abd-al-'Aziz, commenting on the official announcement of the establishment of the GCC.

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